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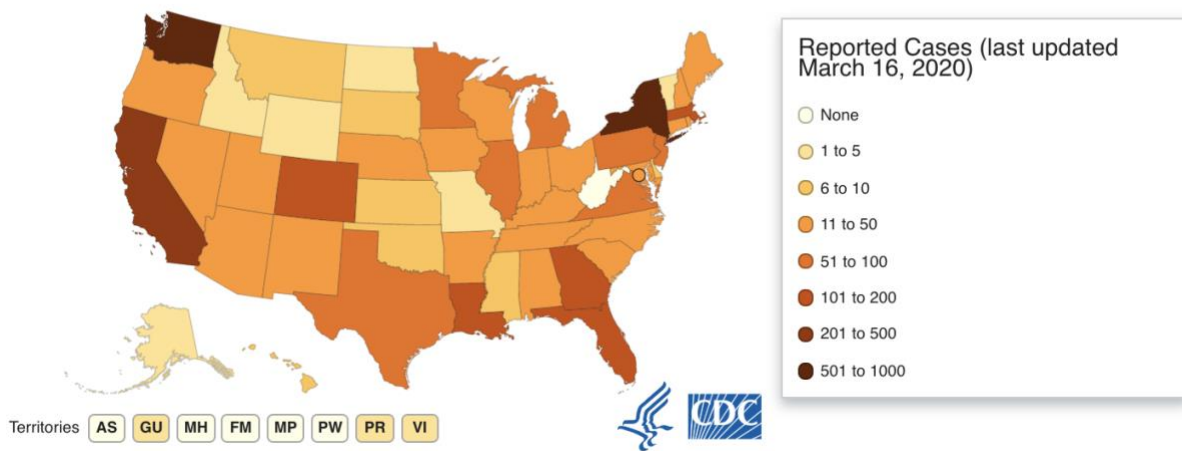
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

March 16, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24 hours: 2 (As of 7:22pm on 3/16)</i> <i>New in last 72 hours: 4</i>	9
United States <i>New in last 72 hours: +1,858 (+114%)</i>	3,487
WA	708
ID	1 to 5
WY	1 to 5
ND	1 to 5
SD	9

States Reporting Cases of COVID-19 to CDC*



OPERATIONS

Recorded CDC COCA Call. Geared toward clinicians, the CDC's Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity ([COCA](#)) [March 13 call recording](#) provides updated information on implementing infection prevention and control measures, assessing risks for exposures, and optimizing the use of personal protective equipment supplies.

TJC Suspends Surveying Through April. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Joint Commission (TJC) said that beginning today, March 16, it will suspend all TJC surveying. The TJC has notified the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services of its decision and CMS has agreed, according to an email sent to stakeholders today.

PLANNING

Continue resource reporting to Juvare. Data collection has expanded to include the following PPE items: surgical masks, face shields, gowns, gloves and coveralls. This is in addition to existing data collection for bed availability, N95 masks and ventilators. Data will be used by the State in requesting emergency supplies and managing allocation. Please complete all daily updates by [8:00AM](#) each morning. For assistance, contact your [Healthcare Preparedness Program \(HPP\) region coordinator](#).

LOGISTICS

Extending PPE. [CDC guidelines for PPE](#) remain unchanged since February 25, but recognize that strategies to conserve and optimize supplies are essential. This 2009 [position paper](#) from the Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) examines how healthcare providers can extend respiratory protection during disasters.

Evaluating and Monitoring HCP. [CDC guidance for exposed healthcare workers](#) (unchanged since March 7) includes how to evaluate exposure risk in the healthcare setting, recommendations for monitoring, and guidance for staff returning to work following exposure in travel-associated or community settings. Fever is defined as measured temperature $\geq 100.0^{\circ}\text{F}$.

OSHA Releases Temporary Enforcement Guidance. New guidance on [Healthcare Respiratory Protection Annual Fit-Testing](#) for N95 Filtering Facepiece during the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Air Ambulances Transporting COVID-19 Patients. Life Flight Network ([Contact Sheet](#)) and Montana Medical Transport ([Contact Sheet](#)) are prepared to transport suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients. Contact sheets provided for distribution or posting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tuesday, March 17 CDC Webinar for Long-Term Care Providers. CDC Clinical Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) will host a webinar, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m., focusing on current COVID-19 information as it relates to long-term care facilities, including nursing homes. Topics will include infection prevention and control guidance, steps facilities should take to prepare, and available resources. Advanced registration not required. [Call-in information here.](#)

State of Montana COVID-19 Hotline: 1-888-333-0461

Montanans can also email questions to covid19info@mt.gov. State public health officials will be responding to inquiries from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

MHA Incident Management Team: esf8@mtha.org

REFERENCE LINKS

GENERAL

Contact Information: [Local & Tribal County Health Departments](#)

[State of Montana COVID-19 Information](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Information](#)

[Healthcare Professionals Preparedness Checklist](#) (CDC)

[Hospital Preparedness Tool](#) (CDC)

EMS

[EMS Infectious Disease Playbook](#) (ASPR/TRACIE)

[Montana EMS Guidance](#) (DPHHS)

REGULATORY

[EMTALA Requirements and Implications Related to COVID-19](#) (CMS)

CLINICAL CARE

Rev. March 13: [Guidelines for Collecting, Handling and Testing Clinical Specimens](#) (CDC)

[Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed COVID-19](#) (CDC)

[Criteria for Evaluation and Reporting of Persons Under Investigation](#) (CDC)

INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL

[Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings](#) (CDC)

[Additional Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of COVID-19 in Home Health Agencies](#) (CMS)

[Additional Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of COVID-19 in Dialysis Facilities](#) (CMS)

WORKFORCE PROTECTION & SUPPORT

[Management of Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure to Patients with COVID-19](#) (CDC)

[Montana Hospital Mutual Aid System Memo & Agreement](#)

COMMUNITY MITIGATION STRATEGIES

[Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission](#) (CDC)

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